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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/834,950

FILED: April 16, 2001

FOR: FLUORESCENT THIN FILM, ITS FABRICATION
PROCESS, AND EL PANEL

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1774

: EXAMINER: Camie THOMPSON

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RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

SPE Kelly is thanked for the courteous interview conducted on February 25, 2003 in which it was agreed that the finality of the Official Action would be withdrawn.

Further, Applicant again requests the withdrawal of the restriction requirement, because the requirements for restriction have not been met. The Examiner states in the Official Action that the fluorescent thin film can be made by another method, but does not specify what that method might be. The previous example of an alleged different method was rebutted in the Response filed on November 12, 2002. Therefore, it is submitted that the restriction requirement is improper and must be withdrawn.